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**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300, Columbia, SC 29201

***Minutes of the Meeting***

**August 14, 2013**

**Commission Members Attending**

General John Finan, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-chair  
Ms. Natasha Hanna  
Dr. Raghu Korrapati (by phone)  
Mr. Kim Phillips  
Ms. Leah Moody  
Admiral Charles Munns  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

**Commission Members Absent**

Ms. Elizabeth Jackson  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer

**Staff Attending**

Dr. Richard Sutton, Executive Director  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown

Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Lorinda Copeland  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Mr. Rick Moul (PASCAL)  
Ms. Trudy Norton  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Mr. Jeff Beaver, Lander University  
Ms. Blythe Bundrick, House Ways & Means  
Committee  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges  
Mr. Gary McCombs, Lander University  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Mr. Steve Osborne, College of Charleston  
Mr. Chuck Sanders, SC Student Loan  
Corporation  
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

## 1. Introductions

- Courtney Blake

Ms. Blake introduced the guests in attendance as listed above.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

- John Finan

A **motion** was made (Vaughn), **seconded** (Horne), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2013, CHE meeting.

## 3. Chairman's Report

- John Finan

Chairman Finan stated he was delighted to return as Chair of the CHE after having been recalled by the Governor to serve as the Interim Executive Director of the SC Department of Employment and Workforce. He also thanked and recognized Commissioner Horne for her excellent work while serving as Acting Chair of the CHE during his temporary absence. Chairman Finan then solicited a motion to approve resolutions of recognition for three departing Presidents, Dr. Ray Greenberg of MUSC, Dr. Darrel Staat of the SC Technical College System, and Dr. Tom Leitzel of the Technical College of the Lowcountry, copies of which may be found in **Attachment I**. A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Munns), and **carried** to approve those resolutions. Chairman Finan stated that the resolutions would be given to Presidents Greenberg and Staat upon the conclusion of their respective presentations to the CHE and that the resolution for Dr. Leitzel would be sent to him as soon as possible.

## 4. Report of the Executive Director

- Richard Sutton

Dr. Sutton reported on his work as Executive Director since the June 6 CHE meeting. He provided information about current activities taking place as well as those projected for the near future. A copy of Dr. Sutton's remarks may be found in **Attachment II**.

## 5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo provided an overview of her July 1 report on the outcome of the 2013 Legislative Session. Distributed to Commissioners via e-mail on July 3, the details of this information may be found in **Attachment III**. Chairman Finan remarked briefly that the CHE plans on working to encourage the colleges and universities to bring any proposed legislative initiatives they might have to the CHE prior to delivering them to the legislature. This will help the CHE become more familiar with the proposals and be better prepared to assist with their advancement as they move through the legislative cycle.

## 6. Staff Presentation:

### *Overview of FY15 Budget Planning Approval Process*

- Gary Glenn

| See paragraph three under -Agenda Item 9, Other Business, below.

## 7. Committee Reports

### 7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Bettie Rose Horne

Chairman Finan reported that the Executive Committee had met by teleconference on Thursday, August 8, 2013, to plan the agenda for this Commission meeting.

### 7.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Bettie Rose Horne

There was no report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing.

### 7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

- Hood Temple

## **A. Consideration of SC Student Loan Corporation FY 2013-14 Administrative Budget Request: SC Teachers Loan Program**

Commissioner Temple commented briefly on the SC Student Loan Corporation's FY 2013-14 budget request for the SC Teachers Loan Program, details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**. On behalf of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services, he made a **motion** to approve this request, after which the **motion** was voted on and **carried**.

### **7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities**

**- Lewis Vaughn**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **A. Interim Capital Project**

1. Lander University - Pedestrian Plaza & Vehicular Access Enhancement

##### **B. Lease**

1. College of Charleston - North Campus Lowcountry Graduate Center

##### **C. FY 2012-13 Year End Budget Report**

(For Information, No Action Required)

##### **D. FY2013-14 Tuition & Required Fees Summary**

(For Information, No Action Required)

##### **E. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for June and July 2013**

(For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Vaughn reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning prior to the CHE meeting. He commented briefly on the information contained in **Agenda Items 7.04 A and B** after which he stated these items were brought to the CHE for approval by consent agenda. The **motion** was then voted on and **carried**. At Commissioner Vaughn's request, Mr. Glenn provided information about **Agenda Items 7.04 C – E**, provided for information only. Details about **Agenda Items 7.04 A through E** may be found in **Attachment V**. Summarized information about the increase in tuition and fees from FY 2012-13 to FY 2013-14 may be found in **Attachment VI**.

In response to Commissioner Munns' question about the approximately \$7 million in carryover money with regard to the scholarship funds, Mr. Glenn stated that scholarships were awarded to all students who applied for and were qualified for them. He stated further that this carryover money will roll forward to support each of the same scholarships in FY 2013-14.

### **9. Other Business**

Dr. Sutton provided information about the potential change of ownership of the Charleston School of Law (CSOL) and the possible merger of CSOL with the College of Charleston (C of C). He reported that facts concerning this topic are being posted on the CHE website. He stated that no formal proposal with regard to this issue had yet been received by the CHE. Discussion followed during which the Commissioners noted the importance of handling this situation proactively and following the appropriate protocol and methodology should such a proposal come forward. It was decided that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing will continue to carefully study and gather facts about this matter and then update the full Commission with this information at the September CHE meeting. Mr. Steve Osborne, Executive Vice-president for Business at the C of C, stated that the College was not engaged in any negotiations with the CSOL.

Commissioner Munns suggested the following as possible topics to consider at the Commissioners' Retreat to take place on October 13-14: 1) CHE setting up a forum to help orient new college and university Presidents and/or arrange a forum where all the Presidents can interact and share helpful

information; and 2) CHE helping create an opportunity for elected officials and/or business leaders to discuss the value of higher education.

Mr. Glenn then provided an overview of the FY 15 Budget Planning Approval Process, originally intended to be delivered as Agenda Item 6 but inadvertently skipped. He walked through the various steps of the timeline involved in that process, details about which may be found in **Attachment VII**.

#### **10. Adjournment of Business Meeting**

The Commission ended its business portion of the meeting at approximately 11:35 a.m. and recessed pending the commencement of the scheduled presentations as outlined in **Attachment VIII**. Following the conclusion of the final presentation on August 15, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

***Beth B. Rogers***

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Recording Secretary

#### **Attachments (I-VIII)**

\*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.